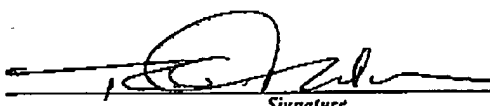





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It is noted that the amendment submitted on September 9, 2004 was not entered. The applicants respectfully submit the following amendments and remarks which take into account the rejections set forth in the final action mailed June 9, 2004 as submission under 37 CFR 114(a).